

2023 Statistical Report: Baltimore City, MD

County accounted for 16.2% of human exposure calls to the Maryland Poison Center

Types of Calls

Call Types	Number of Cases
Total human exposures	4842
< 12 months	158
1 year	474
2 years	382
3 years	238
4 years	145
5 years	81
6-12 years	291
13-19 years	533
20-59 years	1791
> 60 years	563
Unknown age	186
Animal Exposures	63
Information Calls	1726

Reasons for Exposure

Exposure	Number of Cases
Unintentional	3123
General	1542
Environmental	123
Occupational	73
Therapeutic Error	709
Misuse	583
Bite or Sting	30
Food Poisoning	45
Unknown	17
Intentional	1328
Suspected Suicide	900
Misuse	172
Abuse	238
Unknown	18
Other	391
Contamination/Tampering	11
Malicious	27
Adverse Reaction/Drug	160
Adverse Reaction/Other	59
Other/Unknown	134

Management Site

Location	Number of Cases
On site/non Healthcare Facility	2538
Healthcare Facility	2133
Other	98
Refused Referral	73

Medical Outcome

Outcome	Number of Cases
No Effect	1501
Minor Effect	2306
Moderate Effect	541
Major Effect	183
Death	13
Other/Unknown	298

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Most common exposures, children under 6 years:

1. Household cleaning products
2. Cosmetics and personal care products
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Foreign bodies and toys
5. Dietary supplements

Most common exposures, children 6-12 years:

1. Stimulants and street drugs
2. Household cleaning products
3. Analgesics (pain relievers)
4. Foreign bodies and toys
5. Antihistamines

Most common exposures, children 13-19 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Antidepressants
3. Stimulants and street drugs
4. Antihistamines
5. Sedatives and antipsychotics

Most common exposures, adults 20-59 years:

1. Analgesics (pain relievers)
2. Sedatives and antipsychotics
3. Antidepressants
4. Household cleaning products
5. Heart medicines

Most common exposures, adults 60 years and older:

1. Heart medicines
2. Analgesics (pain relievers)
3. Antidepressants
4. Sedatives and antipsychotics
5. Household cleaning products